

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, and 12, without prejudice, and amend claims 1 and 10  
as follows:

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A' 1. (Amended) A genetic construct comprising a gene operatively-linked to a carrier, wherein the carrier is associated with an Ebola transmembrane form of viral glycoprotein or derivative thereof, which is expressed on the surface of the carrier.

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aa 10. (Amended) A method of targeting a gene to a cell comprising the step of administering to a cell population a genetic construct comprising the gene operatively-linked to a carrier, wherein the carrier is associated with an Ebola transmembrane form of viral glycoprotein or derivatives thereof.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the instant application. Claims 2, 3, and 12 have been cancelled, without prejudice, and claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-11, and 13-20 will be pending in the application upon entry of the instant Amendment.

Support for the amendment to claims 1 and 10 can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Cancellation of and/or amendments to the claims as originally filed should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the rejections/objections set forth in the instant Office Action, and were made solely to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed, or similar claims, in one or more patent applications.

Attached hereto as Appendix A is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendments. Appendix A is captioned "Version with markings to